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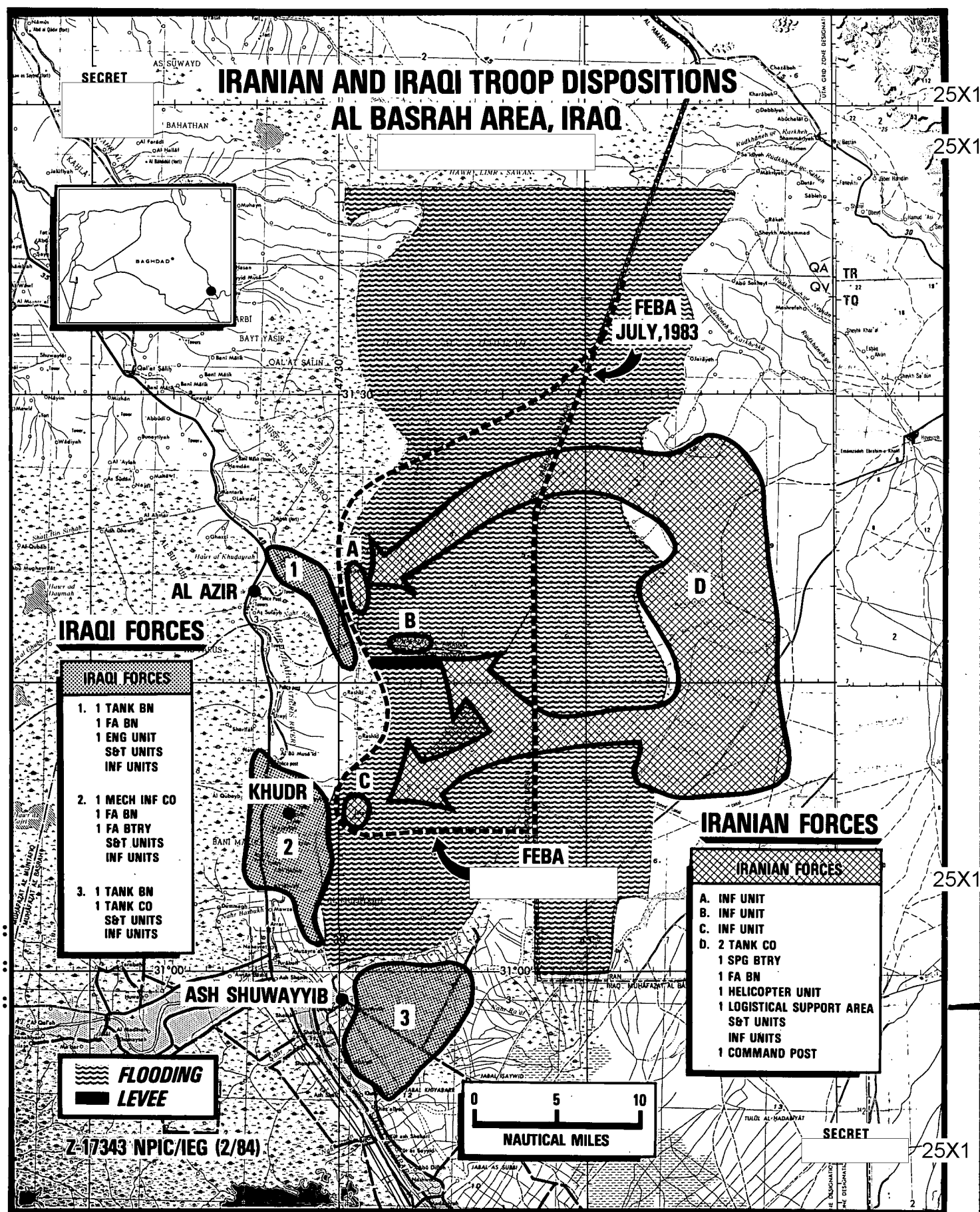
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IRANIAN AND IRAQI TROOP DISPOSITIONS
AL BASRAH AREA, IRAQ (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: A LARGE IRANIAN INFANTRY FORCE USING SMALL SHALLOW-DRAFT BOATS, CROSSED THE HAWR AL HAWIZAH MARSH NORTH-NORTHWEST OF AL BASRAH AND ADVANCED AT LEAST 10 NM INTO IRAQ. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: A LARGE IRANIAN INFANTRY FORCE ADVANCED ACROSS THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER INTO IRAQ ALONG A 15 NM FRONT, APPROXIMATELY 45 NM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF AL BASRAH AND EAST OF THE TIGRIS RIVER ON IMAGERY [REDACTED] THIS FORCE, USING NUMEROUS SMALL SHALLOW-DRAFT BOATS AND SUPPORTED BY HELICOPTERS, ADVANCED ALONG TWO AXIS, ACROSS THE HAWR AL HAWIZAH MARSH, LANDING 10 NM INSIDE IRAQ ALONG THE EAST BANK OF NORTH-SOUTH LEVEE IN THE VICINITY OF AL AZIR AND KHUDR. THESE FORCES WERE PREPARING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND WERE BEING REINFORCED BY ADDITIONAL INFANTRY. AN ADDITIONAL IRANIAN INFANTRY FORCE WAS IN ROADMARCH HEADING WEST ON AN EAST-WEST LEVEE, APPROXIMATELY 2 NM EAST OF THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA (FEBA) AT 31-15N 047-35E. IRAQI FORCES WERE REINFORCING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT THE WESTERN END OF THIS LEVEE. ADDITIONALLY, IRAQI INFANTRY AND ARMOR WERE REINFORCING THE TWO AREAS WHERE IRANIAN INFANTRY LANDED ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH LEVEE. ARTILLERY EXCHANGES BY BOTH SIDES WERE EVIDENT. (SWN)

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IRANIAN FORCES WHICH WERE SHUTTLED BY BOAT AND HELICOPTER INTO IRAQ (ITEMS A, B, AND C) AND DEPLOYED ALONG THE LEVEE INCLUDED AT LEAST THREE INFANTRY UNITS. (SWN)

IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED IN IRAN 15 NM EAST OF THE FEBA (ITEM D) IN SUPPORT OF THESE FRONT LINE FORCES INCLUDED TWO TANK COMPANIES (22 ARMORED VEHICLES), ONE SELF-PROPELLED GUN (SPG) BATTERY (FOUR SPG), ONE FIELD ARTILLERY (FA) BATTALION (15 GUNS), ONE HELICOPTER UNIT, ONE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AREA, NUMEROUS SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNITS, AT LEAST ONE INFANTRY UNIT AND ONE PROBABLE COMMAND POST. (SWN)

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IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TIGRIS RIVER FROM AL AZIR, SOUTH TO THE VICINITY OF KHUZR (ITEMS 1 AND 2) INCLUDED ONE TANK BATTALION (30 TANKS), ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMPANY (8 APC), TWO FA BATTALIONS (31 GUNS), ONE FA BATTERY (SIX GUNS), NUMEROUS SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNITS, ONE ENGINEER UNIT, AND AT LEAST FOUR INFANTRY UNITS. (SWN)

IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED EAST OF THE SHATT-AL AHRAB RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF ASH SHUWAYYIB AND APPROXIMATELY 6 NM SOUTH OF THE FEBA (ITEM 3) INCLUDED ONE TANK BATTALION (30 TANKS), ONE TANK COMPANY (10 TANKS), NUMEROUS SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNITS, AND AT LEAST ONE INFANTRY UNIT. (SWN)
(PERSIAN GULF SECTION [REDACTED])

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